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Claims 1-11 (cancelled)

Claim 12 (new): A T-post extender comprising:

an elongated longitudinal element having a longitudinal axis and an exterior surface that is substantially a cylinder, the longitudinal axis defined as the locus of points that are centroids of all cross sections of the cylinder, the cylinder having maximum extent in any direction perpendicular to the longitudinal axis of about 1/2 inch (13 mm), the longitudinal element being able to withstand bending moments in any direction perpendicular to the longitudinal axis of at least 200 pound-inch (23 nt-m);

a stop element surrounding the longitudinal element, the stop element in a selected position along the longitudinal axis, the selected position being relative to the longitudinal element, the stop element having maximum extent in the longitudinal axial direction of less than about 2inch (51 mm), and, when the stop element and longitudinal axis are projected in any direction perpendicular to the longitudinal axis, the stop element has at substantially a first end of its extent in the longitudinal axial direction a projected profile that extends at least 1/2 inch (13 mm) in both of the opposed directions each measured perpendicularly from the projected longitudinal axis; and

an attachment means for fixing the stop element to the longitudinal element at the selected position.

Claim 13 (new): The T-post extender of claim 12 wherein the longitudinal element is a length of steel rebar, the stop element is a steel flat washer, and the attachment means for fixing the stop element to the longitudinal element at the selected position is by welding the flat washer to the rebar.

1 Claim 14 (new): The T-post extender of claim 13 wherein the rebar is 1/2 inch (13 mm)
2 diameter, and the steel flat washer has an interior diameter of about 1/2 inch (13 mm) that is sufficient for
3 the steel flat washer to slide over the rebar into position for attachment by welding.

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5 Claim 15 (new): A high fence support comprising the T-post extender of claim 12 in
6 combination with a prior art steel T-post having substantially a T-shaped cross section and one or more
7 wire ties, the T-post extender disposed adjacent the T-post at its upper end and captured there laterally by
8 the one or more wire ties and positioned vertically relative to the T-post in its downward direction by
9 gravity and by the stop element of the T-post extender.